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Reports from Matanzas, Cardenas, Isabela de Sagua, and Caibarien.

MATANZAS, CUBA, July 17, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith the following sanitary report of the quarantine district under my command for the week ended July 14, 1900:

Matanzas.—Twenty deaths occurred in the city of Matanzas during the period covered by this report, showing a mortality of 23.04 per 1,000. The principal causes of deaths were as follows: Enteritis, 6; heart disease, 4; tuberculosis, 2; malaria, 2; dysentery, 1; diphtheria, 1; other causes, 4. The following cases of infectious or contagious character were reported: Infectious fever, 5; diphtheria, 2; dysentery, 1. Nine vessels arrived during the week; 7 of these were inspected and passed and 2 passed without inspection. The American steamship *Whitney*, from Havana, Cuba, bound for New Orleans, was disinfected at this port. Six bills of health were issued to foreign vessels. Eleven health certificates were issued to persons leaving the island. Twelve pieces of baggage and 201 bundles of clothes and bedding were disinfected belonging to the American steamship *Whitney*.

Cardenas.—Acting Asst. Surg. Enrique Saez reports that 12 deaths occurred at Cardenas during the week. The principal causes of deaths were as follows: Enteritis, 2; tuberculosis, 2; cerebral hemorrhage, 2; heart disease, 1; typhoid fever, 1; other causes, 4. No cases of a particularly infectious or contagious character were reported. Nineteen vessels arrived during the week; 11 of these were foreign vessels and 8 coasting vessels. Nine bills of health were issued to foreign vessels. The death rate during the week was 25.21 per 1,000.

Isabela de Sagua.—Acting Asst. Surg. Pedro Garcia Riera reports that the death rate during the week was 25.82 per 1,000. Two foreign vessels arrived during the week. Three bills of health were issued to foreign vessels and 10 certificates of inspection to coasting vessels.

Caibarien.—Acting Asst. Surg. Bernardo Escobar reports that 5 deaths occurred in Caibarien. The principal causes of deaths were as follows: Tuberculosis, 1; malarial fever, 1; gastric ulcer, 1; other causes, 2. The death rate during the week was 3.35 per 1,000. Five vessels arrived during the week; 2 of these were foreign vessels and 3 coasting vessels. Two bills of health were issued to foreign vessels and 3 certificates of inspection to coasting vessels.

Respectfully,

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Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.**Death from yellow fever in barracks at Matanzas.*

MATANZAS, CUBA, July 26, 1900.

Case yellow fever died in barracks yesterday. Surgeon Ives reports case traceable to Tailor, who evaded quarantine in Santa Clara Barracks. * * * Have investigated case of yellow fever occurring in Havana and traceable to Matanzas, but thus far have not been able to verify it.

GUITÉRAS.

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